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DIRECTOR OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated May 20, 2004, twice and/or finally rejecting the following claims: 1-6, 10, 12-14, 16-23, 27, 29-31 and 33-36.

☒ The Fee for this Notice of Appeal (37 CFR § 1.17(b)) is \$340.00.

☒ Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of May 20, 2004 to and through November 18, 2004, for an extension of:

☐ 1 month (\$110) ☐ 2 months (\$430)  
☒ 3 months (\$980) ☐ 4 months (\$1,530)

Total: \$980.00.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR § 1.27. Therefore, the fee shown above is reduced by half, and the resulting fee is: \$\_\_\_\_\_.

☒ Payment of \$1,320.00 by Credit Card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account \_\_\_\_\_, including any filing fees under 37 CFR § 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all correspondence identified as accompanying this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on November 18, 2004.

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